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A GENEALOGY OF THE BUFORD FAMILY IN AMERICA. With Records of a number of Allied Families. By Marcus Bainbridge Buford. San Francisco, 1903. Pp. 408.

This handsome volume contains what is apparently a very full account of the family of Beauford, or Buford, as the name is now generally rendered, which descends from John Beauford, or Blueford, of Christ Church parish, Lancaster (now Middlesex) county, Va. This ancestor, the first to whom the line can be traced without a break, married, in 1662, Elizabeth Perrott, of Lancaster county. She was probably the daughter of Richard Perrott, Sr., of that county, but there is no record evidence of the fact.

From John and Elizabeth Buford the author traces carefully the various lines of descendants whose present representatives are scattered throughout the United States. That the family had a strong disposition to military life, has been shown in the manner in which they have participated in every war which has been waged in this country, from that with the French and Indians, down to the Civil war.

Several members of the family were officers in the first named contest, and others in the Revolution. The most prominent in the latter war was Colonel Abraham Buford, of the Virginia continental line.

During the Civil war many of the Bufords served in each of the opposing armies, Generals Napoleon B. and John Buford, U. S. A., and Abraham Buford, C. S. A., held the highest rank.

Among the allied families treated of in more or less detail, are those of Perrott or Parrott, Pate, Lewis, McDowell, McClung, Robertson, McIntosh, Bainbridge, Letcher, Duke, Blackburn, Otey, Bell, Kirtley, Hickman, McClanahan, Johnson, &c.

The genealogical work is done evidently with great care, though perhaps it might have been well if more authorities had been given.

The book is handsomely printed, has wide margins, and a good index. There are also many portraits. Commander Buford, U. S. N., the author, can be congratulated on his admirable genealogy.